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GOV. MALLOY ENCOURAGES CONSUMERS TO SUPPORT CONNECTICUT GROWN PRODUCTS, GROWERS TO COMPLY WITH NEW LABELING LAW

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

HARTFORD – After buying a bunch of sweet onions, some peaches and a bag of plums at the North End Farmers' Market last week, Governor Dannel P. Malloy spoke about why he supports stricter labeling of Connecticut Grown products that takes effect Oct. 1.

The governor last month signed into law legislation that all products sold at farmers' markets as Connecticut Grown must be accompanied by a sign that lists the name and address of the farm or business where the product was grown or made.

"The reality is that people want locally-grown products," Malloy said during the visit last Wednesday marking National Farmers' Market Week. "And we want to make sure that if you're saying it's a Connecticut Grown product, that's what people are getting."

The changes in the law are reflected in Connecticut Grown pricing signs issued free to growers and producers by the agriculture department.

A space for the name and address of the farm or business is now included on the 5-by-7-inch signs, which bear the

Connecticut Grown label and logo. Producers also may make their own sign containing the required information.

The agriculture department's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection will enforce the new law by making random, unannounced visits to farmers' markets, as well as in response to complaints.

The law also increases the fine for violators from \$25 to \$100.

"The Connecticut Grown brand is designed not only to identify products grown in Connecticut for the benefit of the consumer, but to give credit to the farms that put in the effort to bring these products to market," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "Not enforcing the law undermines the hard work of Connecticut's farm families and would unfairly benefit those few who may falsely portray out-of-state products as being Connecticut Grown."

Products grown or produced in Connecticut or within a 10-mile radius of the point of sale may be labeled as "native,"

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	92.50	102.00
boners 80-85% lean	91.00	104.00
lean 88-90% lean	83.00	99.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	350.00	360.00
No 1 106-112 lbs	377.00	405.00
No 1 90-104 lbs	435.00	470.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	148.00	155.00
Ch2-3	142.00	152.00
Sel1-3	138.00	146.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	134.00	143.50
Ch2-3	129.00	150.00
Sel1-2	123.00	134.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	146.00	151.00
Ch2-3	140.00	148.00
Sel1-2	138.00	142.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	214.00	228.00
110-130 lbs	196.00	210.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
90-150 lbs	92.00	100.00
150-200 lbs	80.00	96.00
BUCKS		
100-130 lbs	170.00	200.00
200-230 lbs	132.00	145.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	165.00	195.00
60-80 lbs	190.00	225.00
80-100 lbs	265.00	305.00
Nannies/Does:		
80-130 lbs	160.00	200.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	250.00
Bucks/Billies:		
150-250 lbs	310.00	355.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

52-56	200-300 lbs	56.00	63.00
	300-350 lbs	47.50	52.50
	350-400 lbs	42.00	46.00
	400-450 lbs	34.00	36.50
	450-500 lbs	30.00	33.00
48-52	250-300 lbs	48.00	53.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00	46.00
	350-400 lbs	32.00	41.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-450 lbs	22.00	25.00
	450-600 lbs	32.00	34.50
Boars			
	400-650 lbs	7.00	8.00

USDA WHOLE TURKEYS

wholesale, with timers, cents per pound

Fresh			
Hens	8-16 lbs	130.14	130.14
Toms	16-24 lbs	130.21	130.21
Frozen			
Hens	8-16 lbs	126.00	126.00
Toms	16-24 lbs	126.23	126.23

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB	14.00	14.00
APPLES, PAULA RED, XFCY, 80	28.00	28.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	15.00	32.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, BU	25.00	26.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU	44.00	45.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	24.00	25.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LB LOOSE	22.00	24.00
BROCCOLI, CRWN CUT, 20 LB	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, MED/LG 50LBS	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE, RED, MED, 50 LBS	12.00	15.00
CAULIFLOWER, WHITE, 9	13.00	13.00
CHERRIES, 20 LBS	50.00	50.00
CHERRIES, TART, 20 LBS	50.00	50.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4 -1 GAL	21.00	21.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	12.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, SS, 1-1/9	20.00	22.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1/2 BU	14.00	15.00
CUKES, PICKLING, S-M, 1-1/9 BU	22.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 BU	15.00	20.00
KALE, 12 CT	17.00	18.00
LETTUCE, LEAF-GRN/RED, 24	30.00	30.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
NECTARINES, 25 LBS	30.00	30.00
PEACHES, 2-1/4" MIN, 25 LB	20.00	25.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9	12.00	19.00
PEPPERS, CHERRYHOTS, 1/2BU	12.00	15.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1/2 BU	14.00	15.00
PEPPERS, LNG HOT, 1/2 BU	12.00	15.00
PEPPERS, FRYERS, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
PLUMS, KELLY YELLOW, 1/2BU	20.00	25.00
POTATOES, CHEF, 50 LBS	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 20 LB	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, YEL/GRN, 1/2 BU	12.00	15.00
TOMATOES, MD-LGE, 8 QT	18.00	22.00
TOMATOES, #1, 25 LBS	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES, HEIRLOOM, 10LB	20.00	28.00
TOMATOES, MED, 25 LBS	15.00	20.00
TOMATOES, ROMA, 25 LBS	15.00	20.00
WATERMELON, SDLS, 4-5 CT	18.00	20.00

SHIPPED IN

GRAPE, RED, SDLS, CA, 19LB, #1	23.00	24.00
ONIONS, YELLOW, CA 20-2LB	17.00	18.00
POTATO, FINGERLING, ID, 20LBS	25.00	30.00

USDA WHOLESALE - CUT FLOWERS

AGERATUM, NE, PER BUNCH	8.50	8.50
ALLIUM, DRUMSTIC, LNG, NE, EA	.60	.60
AMARANTHUS, HANGING, NE, 5	12.50	12.50
ASCLEPIAS, LONG, NJ, 10	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, LGE HEAD, LONG, NE, 5	15.00	15.00
ECHINACEA, XLONG, PA, BNCH	5.90	5.90
FOXGLOVE, MED, NE, BNCH	9.50	9.50
GLADIOLA, NJ, BUNCH	7.95	8.50
GOMPHRENA, LONG, NE	8.50	8.50
LILIES, ASIATIC, LNG, ME, BNCH	12.00	12.00
SUNFLOWER, LGE, NE, 5	6.50	7.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 10, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	70.00	80.00
61-75 lbs.	300.00	315.00
76-90 lbs.	330.00	335.00
91-105 lbs.	345.00	350.00
106 lbs. & up	355.00	365.00
Farm Calves	375.00	385.00
Starter Calves	60.00	65.00
Veal Calves	150.00	240.00
Open Heifers	140.00	177.50
Beef Heifers	106.00	155.00
Feeder Steers	140.00	157.50
Beef Steers	130.00	148.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	160.00
Beef Bulls	132.00	145.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	40.00
Butcher Hogs	145.00	205.00
Feeder Pigs	70.00	80.00
Sheep	100.00	105.00
Lambs	135.00	200.00
Goats each	140.00	340.00
Kid Goats	110.00	215.00
Canners	up to	100.00
Cutters	101.00	103.00
Utility Grade Cows	104.00	109.00
Rabbits each	4.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	6.00	22.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	2.66	2.94
LARGE	2.60	2.74
MEDIUM	2.07	2.20

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.96	3.10
LARGE	2.94	3.05
MEDIUM	2.26	2.34

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2		
20-30 lb	140.00	160.00
30-40 lb	160.00	190.00
40-50 lb	200.00	240.00
50-60 lb	250.00	250.00
US #2-3		
20-40 lb	150.00	180.00

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION, ATLANTA, GA

Per pound, except where noted.

Muscovy Ducks/Drakes	2.80	2.90
Pullets, 4-6 lbs	1.90	2.20
Red Fowl, 5-6 lbs	.50	.70
Banty Hens, each	3.50	4.00
Guinea Fowl	1.20	1.50
Pigeons, each	3.85	3.75
Pheasants, each	15.00	19.00
Goose eggs, each	7.25	7.25

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- Aug. 13, CT: Wamogo Agricultural Science and Technology, 98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield--10 am to 1 pm
 - Sept. 10, MA: MA Dept. of Agriculture Satellite Office conference room, 101 University Drive, Amherst -- 10 am to 1 pm
 - Sept. 23, RI: Building 75, East Farm, University of Rhode Island, 2163 Kingstown Road, Kingston -- 10 am to 1 pm
- Contact: Jean King at jean.king@uconn.edu or 860-916-7367.

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"native-grown," "local," or "locally-grown." Only those grown in Connecticut may be sold as Connecticut Grown, and must be labeled in compliance with the new requirements.

At the North End market last week, a few growers had their farm name and address listed on Connecticut Grown signs, including Beckett Farms of Glastonbury, where Malloy bought the bunch of sweet onions and admired the many varieties of tomatoes the farm was offering.

"We're growing tomatoes at the house or I'd buy some of those, too," he said as he toured the market with Market Manager Mariana Evica.

The governor's visit to the market - which on this day featured a gospel singing group performing under a Connecticut Grown tent - was also to spotlight that it and many other markets accept SNAP food-assistance benefits as payment.

Many markets, including the North End, double the face value the benefit, increasing both consumers' buying power and the amount of product sold by farmers.

"That's good for farmers, for the farmers' markets, and for the affected consumers," Commissioner Reviczky said.

SNAP benefits are accepted at about 46 of the approximately 125 farmers' markets in Connecticut, including locations in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Meriden, and Middletown.

A partnership between the state agriculture and social services departments and the USDA provides mobile devices, card readers and other equipment for farmers and farmers' markets to accept SNAP payments, as well as credit and debit cards.

Many low-income residents who live in urban areas frequently have difficulty finding quality, nutritious fruits and vegetables in their neighborhoods, Malloy said in a statement released after the event.

"It's important to remind residents about all the options available and the growing number of farmers' markets that now have the ability to accept SNAP food-assistance benefits as payment," Malloy said. "We can get healthy food to everyone, and we can also do it while supporting Connecticut farmers, our local agricultural industry, and Connecticut Grown products."

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman said: "During the summer when children are home from school and food costs rise, it's especially important to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables."

After Malloy spoke, SNAP client Jackie Rivera joined him at the podium to endorse the program's use at farmers' markets.

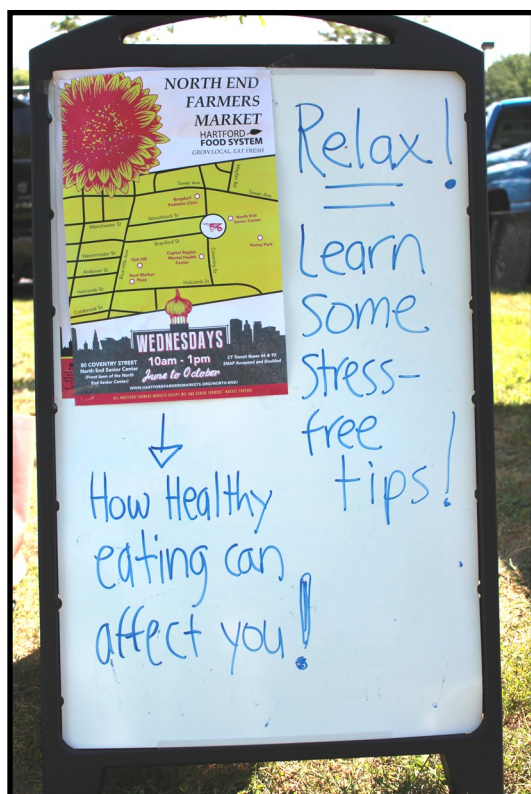
"Healthy food actually costs more than unhealthy food like chips and cookies," she said. "As a single mom, I want to provide the best for my kids and to keep myself healthy, too. I truly appreciate the value of SNAP in helping me meet those goals."

Malloy, well-known as a food enthusiast and skilled cook, said he often makes unannounced visits at farmers' markets and farm stands to buy produce as he travels the state.

"I frequently pull off on the side of the road when I go by one of these places," he said after offering the crowd and members of the media a few tips for frying green tomatoes. "Scars the hell out of people."

New Connecticut Grown pricing signs may be obtained by calling 860-713-2503, or through the following link to the agriculture department's website, [CTGrown.gov: http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/marketing_files/price_card_fillable_order_form.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/marketing_files/price_card_fillable_order_form.pdf)

Complaints about use of the Connecticut Grown label may be directed to the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection at 860-713 2504.



Clockwise from top left: Encouraging healthy eating is a focus of the Hartford Food System organization that sponsors the North End Farmers' Market and others in the city; a gospel singing group performing next to the market manager's tent; produce for sale with a Connecticut Grown pricing sign completed with the farm's name and location as required by law starting Oct. 1; Gov. Malloy addresses the media. Page 1: Gov. Malloy, accompanied by Market Manager Mariana Evica, buys plums from Barbecho's Harvest, a Hartford grower.



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